

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Very Reverend George F. de Laire, J.C.L.

v.

Civil No. 21-cv-131-JL

Gary Michael Voris, et al.

**PRE-MEDIATION ORDER**

The remaining parties in this defamation case, Father de Laire and Michael Voris, have agreed to mediate on June 27, 2024. In anticipation of mediation, the court orders as follows:


(1) Status of St. Michael's Media. Although Father de Laire and St. Michael's Media have agreed to a settlement, the claim against Saint Michael's Media has not been dismissed, ostensibly leaving St. Michael's Media as an active party in the case. Unless the parties propose a different result, the court will direct the clerk of court to dismiss the defamation claim against St. Michael's Media, pursuant to Local Rule 41.1, on **June 14, 2024**. In that event, when St. Michael's Media is no longer an active party, the court will terminate the motions in limine filed by St. Michael's Media (doc. nos. [226](#), [227](#), [228](#), & [229](#)) without decision. The related motions to seal (doc nos. [242](#) & [244](#)) are granted.

(2) Mediation waiver. On or before **June 14, 2024**, the parties shall jointly prepare, sign, and file a waiver that they have affirmatively requested that Judge Laplante, the judge presiding over the case, serve as the mediator and will not seek post-mediation recusal on the grounds that he served as mediator.

**Conclusion**

The motions to seal (doc. nos. [242](#) & [244](#)) are granted.

**SO ORDERED.**

  
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Joseph N. Laplante  
United States District Judge

Dated: June 7, 2024

cc: Counsel of record.